No. 458—*Ft. F.* 15-1900, *dated* 21*st January* 1901.

Rules for the Grant of Rewards to Informers and others who may render service to Government by detecting or preventing breaches of the Forest Laws.

The following Rules framed by Government under Section 76 (*d*) of the Mysore Forest Regulation (1900), are issued for general information and guidance. So much of Notification No. 206, dated 9th October 1889, as concerns the grant of rewards in forest cases, is hereby cancelled.

1. All non-gazetted officers of Government in the Revenue, Forest, Police and other Departments, as well as persons not in the employ of Government, are eligible for rewards under these Rules.

2. In any case in which any person or persons have been convicted of an offence against the Forest Laws and a penalty or confiscation has been imposed or realized, the Deputy Commissioner of the district in which the offence was committed may (upon the recommendation of the Magistrate who convicted the offender or otherwise) grant, in such proportions as he may think fit, to any person or persons who may have contributed to the conviction of the offender or offenders, or to the seizure of the property confiscated, a reward not exceeding the estimated value of the forest produce confiscated *plus* the estimated value of any other article confiscated in the same case, *plus* the amount of any fine imposed therein.

Provided always that the aggregate amount of the rewards thus granted in any one case shall not exceed Rs. 50.

The term "Forest Laws" includes the ordinary Penal Laws of the country when they are utilised in the interests of forest conservancy.

3. If after payment of the reward, the conviction should be reversed in appeal, the amount of the reward shall not be recovered, unless it shall appear that the person or persons rewarded have acted fraudulently.

4. Any Forest Officer, not below the rank of Forester, may, if prosecuting the case and upon conviction of the offender, apply to the Magistrate to recommend the grant of a reward under Rule 2.

5. In any case in which any person or persons have been convicted of an offence against the Forest Laws but in which no penalty has been imposed or, if imposed, has not been realised; or in which any person has performed any service of special merit in respect of the prevention or detection of any such offence, rewards may be granted by the Deputy Commissioner of the district to an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs. 25.

6. If in any case it is thought desirable to grant rewards in excess of the amount which, under the above rules, may be awarded, the maximum amount admissible may be paid and the matter thereafter be reported for the orders of Government.

7. Deputy Commissioners are empowered to grant special rewards up to Rs. 10 for good service in regard to forest offences not covered by the foregoing rules; provided that no reward shall be given under this rule for services in connection with forest fires.

8. In case the Deputy Commissioner has not at his disposal a fund out of which the reward can be paid, the District Forest Officer shall, on requisition, furnish the necessary funds.

By Order,
J. L. PIGOT, *Secy. to Govt., Forest Dept.*

PUBLIC WORKS.

No. 8-10—48-50, *dated 7th January* 1901.

CAUVERY POWER SCHEME.

The Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore, Kolar and Mysore districts, are requested to warn all those concerned within their respective jurisdiction that the erection of the Cauvery Transmission Line from Sivasamudram to the Kolar Gold Fields will shortly be undertaken by the Public Works Department:—

2. The line will pass through the following taluks:—

Malvalli taluk	Mysore district.
Kankanhalli taluk Anekal do	Bangalore do
Malur taluk Bowringpet do	Kolar do

3. The cordial co-operation of all District and Village officers with the Public Works Department Officers in this work is most necessary. A very small quantity of land will be required permanently, and as a rule the villagers will be free to cultivate beneath the lines.

4. Compensation will be given for any damage done to standing crops, &c., during the progress of the work.

5. The head of each taluk and village should be held personally responsible that no damage is done to the line within his charge, that no pegs, stones or materials are removed.

6. All villagers should be warned on no account to attempt to climb the poles or touch the line of conductors even with a wooden rod, as this will mean instant death, owing to the high pressure carried on the line. Also in the event of a wire falling to the ground. This may look most harmless, but the fact of a person or animal touching it will surely result in death.

7. The above facts should be widely circulated and impressed on the people from the very commencement.

8. Before the current is turned on, hand-bills will be posted in every village along the line.

No. 37—265, *dated 18th January* 1901.

Sub-Assistant Engineer Mr. T. Lakshman Rao, attached to the Mysore Division, was granted privilege leave of absence for ten days, with effect from the 13th November 1900.

No. 44—312, *dated 21st January* 1901.

Assistant Engineer Mr. V. Aiyasawmy Iyer, attached to the Kadur Division, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months, with effect from 1st February next or date of departure.

By Order,
D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, *Col.*,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore, P. W. D.

MILITARY.

No. 1425-7, *dated 18th January* 1901.

Mr. R. Puttanna, B.A., B.L., Personal Assistant to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, having returned to duty on the 19th October 1900, the unexpired portion of the leave granted to him in Notification No. 1193-4, Military, dated 13th December 1900, is hereby cancelled.

By Order,
R. G. JONES, *Major*,
Military Assistant.

GEOLOGICAL.

No. 234—*M.* 1900-1901, *dated 5th January* 1901.

The following draft of additions and amendments proposed to be made in the Rules under the Mysore Explosives Regulation II of 1888, published with Notification No. 311-M.—1897, dated 29th June 1898, is hereby published for general information under Section 15 of the said Regulation and will be taken into consideration after the 15th of February 1901.

Objections and suggestions in respect of the proposed additions and amendments will be duly considered if submitted to the Government in the Geological Department on or before the 15th of February 1901.

For Rule 33 VII (*e*) substitute the following :—

"Explosives may be carried by mixed trains on any line on which goods trains are not running, subject to the conditions that they are loaded in properly constructed powder vans; that not more than one powder van containing explosives is forwarded at any one time by a mixed train; that there are not less than three vehicles between the powder van and either the engine or the passenger coaches; that the powder van is close-coupled to the adjoining vehicles; and that directly a powder van containing explosives arrives at a section on which goods trains are running, it is detached from the mixed train."

Rule 5, proviso II, will be altered as follows :—

"To the possession of fire works, not exceeding 200 lbs., if obtained and intended for immediate use and not for sale, and if kept for a period not exceeding 14 days, provided that the possession of such fireworks in Municipal areas shall only be authorized on the obtaining of a permit to this effect. Such a permit shall be granted, free of cost, by a Magistrate of the 1st Class or by a Police Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on the applicant certifying that the fireworks shall be kept in a closed receptacle in a building or excavation at a safe distance from any dwelling house, shop or public way."

The following proviso will be added to condition 9 of Form A, condition 8 of Form B and Condition 4 of Form C of the forms prescribed in the Schedule appended to the Rules :—

"Provided that this condition shall not be obligatory in a building in which no explosive other than an explosive of the 1st Division of the 6th (ammunition) class is kept."

No. 228 *M.*—1900-1901, *dated 31st December* 1900.

With reference to Government Notification (Geol.) No. 93 M.—1900-1901, dated 16th August 1900, the Government are pleased to direct the following amendments to be made in the rules under the Mysore Explosives Regulation II of 1888, published with Notification No. 311 M., dated 29th June 1898, and amended by Notification No. 233 M., dated 15th May 1899.

To Rule 2 (2) add the following :—

"In particular, the possession of blasting gelatine or any of the gelatinous nitro-compounds after the expiration of three years from the date of their importation into British India is prohibited, except with the sanction in writing of an Inspector of Explosives, stating for what further period such explosives may be retained."

Rule 18 (1) will be amended as follows :—

"The applicant shall submit to the District Magistrate an application on Form G and shall comply with the conditions embodied therein."

Rule 18 (2) will be cancelled.

Alter "Rule 18 (3)" "to Rule 18 (2)."

In Rule 18 (2) (as corrected) (*e*), the last sentence will be amended as follows :—

"The Government shall then refer the aforesaid documents for approval to the Chief Inspector of Explosives, who will, if he considers it to be necessary, inspect the site of the magazine and communicate with the applicant in regard to any special terms which it may be in his opinion desirable to impose. The Chief Inspector of Explosives shall then submit to Government the application and other documents and his recommendations thereon, and if he re-